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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

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Dear Sir:

Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, it is respectfully requested that this application be accorded the benefits of Continued Examination.

The amount of \$810 to cover the required fee for a large entity is being paid by credit card.

Respectfully submitted,

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